

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 1, has been amended as follows:

Referring to FIGS. 2 and 2A showing another prior umbrella 2, a shaft 22 is devised as a four-sectional or five-sectional design for reducing the volume of the umbrella 2. As appropriate, one or two ends where stretchers 25 come into contact with a runner 23 are inserted and extended with extension posts 27. When stretching the umbrella 2, the shaft 22 is upheld by the extension posts 27 through the runner 23 to prevent the shaft 22 from producing undesired wavering. A fastening button 26 at the shaft 22 and a bottom portion 28 of the runner 23 allow a larger mutual supporting plane, thereby enabling the stretchers 25 connected with the runner 23 to prop up main ribs 24 that further stretch an entire cover 21. The umbrella 2 is collapsed by pressing the fastening button 26.

Paragraph beginning on page 6, at line 1, has been amended as follows:

FIG. 7A shows an enlarged partial view of FIG. [[4]]7.